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Dr. Rogers served in Oklahoma as pastor of Presbyterian Churches in Okemah and Anadarko before spending over 17 years as pastor for the First Presbyterian Church in Cushing. He then served for 15 years at the Southampton Presbyterian Church in St. Louis, Mo. After retiring in 1977, he served as assistant pastor (part time) for the First Presbyterian Church in Broken Arrow, Okla., and as interim pastor for the First Presbyterian Church in Ardmore.

From 1975 until 1977, Dr. Rogers served on the support agency board of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; and he now serves as the treasurer of the Dwight Mission Agency board which operates Dwight Mission, a camp and conference facility in Oklahoma owned by the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Rogers graduated from the Presbyterian-related College of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Ark., and from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. He served for 10 years on the board of trustees of the College of the Ozarks which honored him in 1956 with an honorary doctor of divinity degree.

Dr. Rogers, who resides in Ada with his wife, Lora Beth Henry Rogers, is the father of Lou Watkins, wife of Oklahoma's Third District Congressman Wes WATKINS.

"I am very proud to have my father-in-law serve as Chaplain to the House of Representatives," said WATKINS. "It is not only a high honor for him, but for me, too. I have great respect for my father-in-law and his many years of dedicated service to the ministry."

#### DIRECTING CLERK OF THE HOUSE TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENROLLMENT OF H.R. 1900, THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1983

Mr. PICKLE. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 102) directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 1900, to assure the solvency of the social security trust funds, to reform the medicare reimbursement of hospitals, to extend the Federal supplemental compensation program, and for other purposes, and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

Mr. CONABLE. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I have looked at this concurrent resolution and I would like to engage in a brief dialog with the distinguished gentleman from Texas about the resolution.

As I understand it, its purpose is to correct some provisions of the social security bill passed just before the

Easter recess before its enrollment because under the pressure of time there were some typographical and other clerical errors made in the final preparation. Members, I believe, will recall that we were under considerable pressure at that time in that the conference ended a very short period of time before the House had to consider the conference report.

I have looked through this and find that while there were some significant clerical errors, they are all clerical errors and not changes in substance or in agreement among the conferees.

Now, is there anything further that should be said about this by the gentleman from Texas under my reservation of objection?

Mr. PICKLE. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. CONABLE. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. PICKLE. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Nothing further needs to be added. This concurrent resolution simply makes several technical and clerical corrections in the enrollment of the bill, H.R. 1900, the Social Security Act Amendments of 1983.

The bill was considered in a very short time and these are simply technical and clerical corrections that need to be made to accompany that bill. There are no substantive changes.

Mr. CONABLE. And this would be the time to make these corrections, as I understand it, Mr. Speaker, before the enrollment of the bill and its forwarding to the White House for such action as the President may take on it.

Mr. PICKLE. The gentleman is correct.

Mr. CONABLE. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

That is my understanding about the concurrent resolution, and I think it should be supported by the Members.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PICKLE)?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

#### H. CON. RES. 102

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That in the enrollment of the bill (H.R. 1900) to assure the solvency of the Social Security Trust Funds, to reform the medicare reimbursement of hospitals, to extend the Federal supplemental compensation program, and for other purposes, the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall make the corrections specified in the succeeding sections of this concurrent resolution.*

Sec. 2. In title I of the bill, make the following corrections:

(1) In section 101 of the bill—

(A) in subsection (a)(1)—

(i) in the proposed subparagraph (B) of section 210(a)(5) of the Social Security Act, strike out "before or after" and insert in lieu thereof "before, on, or after"; and

(ii) in the proposed clause (iii) of such section 210(a)(5), strike out "United States District Court" and insert in lieu thereof "United States district court"; and

(B) in subsection (b)(1), in the proposed subparagraph (B) of section 3121(b)(5) of

the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, strike out "before or after" and insert in lieu thereof "before, on, or after".

(2) In section 102 of the bill, strike out "after January 1, 1984" in subsection (e)(1)(B) and insert in lieu thereof "after December 31, 1983".

(3) In section 112 of the bill—

(A) in subsection (a)(4)—

(i) in the proposed subparagraph (C)(i) of section 215(i)(1) of the Social Security Act, strike out "1985" and "1984" and insert in lieu thereof "1984" and "1983", respectively,

(ii) in the proposed subparagraph (C)(ii) of such section 215(i)(1), strike out "1984" and insert in lieu thereof "1983";

(iii) in the proposed subparagraph (F)(i) of such section 215(i)(1), strike out "as of the beginning of such year," the second place it appears, and

(iv) in the proposed subparagraph (G) of such section 215(i)(1), strike out "for the preceding calendar year";

(B) in subsection (d)(1), in the proposed clause (iii) of section 215(i)(2)(C) of the Social Security Act—

(i) insert "for the current calendar year" after "OASDI fund ratio";

(ii) strike out "each calendar year" and insert in lieu thereof "the preceding calendar year"; and

(iii) strike out "that year" and insert in lieu thereof "the current calendar year";

(C) in subsection (d)(2), strike out "section 111(b)(1)", "section 111(b)(2)", and "sections 111(b)(2)" and insert in lieu thereof "section 111(c)", "section 111(a)(6) and (b)(2)", and "sections 111(a)(6), 111(b)(2)", respectively;

(D) in subsection (e), strike out "1984" and insert in lieu thereof "1983"; and

(E) in subsection (f), strike out "1985" and insert in lieu thereof "1984".

(4) In section 113 of the bill—

(A) in the proposed subparagraph (B)(i) of section 215(a)(7) of the Social Security Act (contained in subsection (a) of such section 113), strike out "the preceding paragraphs of this subsection" in both the first and second sentences and insert in lieu thereof "paragraph (1) of this subsection";

(B) in the proposed subparagraph (D) of such section 215(a)(7), strike out "24 years" and insert in lieu thereof "25 years";

(C) add quotation marks at the end of the proposed paragraph (5) of section 215(d) of the Social Security Act (contained in subsection (b) of such section 113); and

(D) in the proposed paragraph (9)(A) of section 215(f) of the Social Security Act (contained in subsection (c) of such section 113), insert "notwithstanding paragraph (4) of this subsection" after "shall be recomputed".

(5) In section 114 of the bill, after subsection (b), add the following new subsection:

(c)(1) Paragraphs (2)(A) and (3) of section 202(w) of such Act are each amended by striking out "age 72" and inserting in lieu thereof "age 70".

(2) The amendments made by paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to increment months in calendar years after 1983.

(6) In section 121 of the bill, in the proposed paragraph (1) of section 86(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (contained in subsection (a) of such section 121), add a period at the end of subparagraph (B).

(7) In section 122 of the bill—

(A) in subsection (a), in the proposed paragraph (3) of section 37(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, indent the last (flush) sentence of subparagraph (A) 4 ems so as to align with subparagraph (B); and

(B) in subsection (c)(7), reset the quoted material in 10-point light-face type for table of contents.

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(8)(A) In the first section 125 of the bill (treatment of certain faculty practice plans), strike out "medical schools" in subsection (a)(1)(B)(ii) and insert in lieu thereof "medical school".

(B) Redesignate the second section 125 of the bill (allocations to disability insurance trust fund) as section 126.

(9) In section 132 of the bill, in subsection (b)(1)(B)(i)(I), strike out "excluding surviving spouses" and insert in lieu thereof "excluding divorced spouses".

(10) In section 142 of the bill—

(A) in subsection (a)(2)(A), strike out clause (iii) and insert in lieu thereof the following:

(iii) by inserting before the period at the end thereof the following: "even if such an investment would earn interest at a rate different than the rate earned by investments redeemed by the lending fund in order to make the loan";

(B) in the proposed subparagraph (B)(iii)(I) of section 201(D)(3) of the Social Security Act (contained in subsection (a)(3)(B) of such section 142), strike out "reduced" and all that follows down through "Hospital Insurance Trust Fund,".

(C) in subsection (b)(2)(A), strike out clause (iii) and insert in lieu thereof the following:

(iii) by inserting before the period at the end thereof the following: "even if such an investment would earn interest at a rate different than the rate earned by investments redeemed by the lending fund in order to make the loan";

and

(D) in the proposed subparagraph (B)(iii)(I) of section 1817(j)(3) of the Social Security Act (contained in subsection (b)(3)(B) of such section 142), strike out "reduced" and all that follows down through "Disability Insurance Trust Fund,".

(11) In section 143 of the bill—

(A) in the proposed subsection (a) of section 709 of the Social Security Act—

(i) strike out "Fund," where it first appears and insert in lieu thereof "Fund and", and

(ii) insert "in the balance ratio" after "such inadequacy" where it first appears; and

(B) in the proposed subsection (b) of such section 709, strike out "section 201(1)" where it appears in paragraphs (1) and (2) and insert in lieu thereof "section 201(b) or 1817(j)".

(12) In section 151 of the bill—

(A) in the proposed paragraph (1) of section 217(g) of the Social Security Act (contained in subsection (a) of such section 151), strike out "Social Security Act Amendments" each place it appears (three places) and insert in lieu thereof "Social Security Amendments"; and

(B) in the last sentence of the proposed paragraph (2) of such section 217(g) (contained in subsection (a) of such section 151), strike out "compensate for" and insert in lieu thereof "take into account".

(13) Redesignate section 153 of the bill as section 152, and amend such section to read as follows:

#### ACCOUNTING FOR CERTAIN UNNEGOTIATED CHECKS FOR BENEFITS UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAM

Sec. 152. (a) Section 201 of the Social Security Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(m)(1) The Secretary of the Treasury shall implement procedures to permit the identification of each check issued for benefits under this title that has not been presented for payment by the close of the sixth month following the month of its issuance.

"(2) The Secretary of the Treasury shall, on a monthly basis, credit each of the Trust

Funds for the amount of all benefit checks (including interest thereon) drawn on such Trust Fund more than 6 months previously but not presented for payment and not previously credited to such Trust Fund, to the extent provided in advance in appropriation Acts.

"(3) If a benefit check is presented for payment to the Treasury and the amount thereof has been previously credited pursuant to paragraph (2) to one of the Trust Funds, the Secretary of the Treasury shall nevertheless pay such check, if otherwise proper, recharge such Trust Fund, and notify the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

"(4) A benefit check bearing a current date may be issued to an individual who did not negotiate the original benefit check and who surrenders such check for cancellation if the Secretary of the Treasury determines it is necessary to effect proper payment of benefits."

(b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to all checks for benefits under title II of the Social Security Act which are issued on or after the first day of the twenty-fourth month following the month in which this Act is enacted.

(c)(1) The Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer from the general fund of the Treasury to the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and to the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund, in the month following the month in which this Act is enacted and in each of the succeeding 30 months, such sums as may be necessary to reimburse such Trust Funds in the total amount of all checks (including interest thereon) which he and the Secretary of Health and Human Services jointly determine to be renegotiated benefit checks, to the extent provided in advance in appropriation Acts. After any amounts authorized by this subsection have been transferred to a Trust Fund with respect to any benefit check, the provisions of paragraphs (3) and (4) of section 201(m) of the Social Security Act (as added by subsection (a) of this section) shall be applicable to such check.

(2) As used in paragraph (1), the term "renegotiated benefit checks" means checks for benefits under title II of the Social Security Act which are issued prior to the twenty-fourth month following the month in which this Act is enacted, which remain unrenegotiated after the sixth month following the date on which they were issued, and with respect to which no transfers have previously been made in accordance with the first sentence of such paragraph.

(14) Redesignate section 154 of the bill as section 153.

On page 10, strike out lines 14 and 15 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

(15) Redesignate section 155 of the bill as section 154; and, in the matter proposed to be inserted in the matter proposed to be inserted by subsections (a), (b), and (c) of such section, insert after "reasonable" the following: "Provided, That the certification shall not refer to economic assumptions underlying the Trustee's report".

Sec. 3. In title II of the bill, make the following corrections: in paragraphs (1)(B) and (2) of section 201(c), insert "(as amended by section 309(g) of this Act)" after "(c)".

Sec. 4. In title III of the bill, make the following corrections:

(1) In section 306 of the bill, strike out "section 301(b)(7)" in subsection (a)(9) and insert in lieu thereof "section 301(b)(6)".

(2) In section 309 of the bill, strike out "section 301(a)(6)" in subsection (a) and insert in lieu thereof "section 301(a)(7)".

(3) In section 321 of the bill, in the proposed clause (B) of section 210(a) of the

Social Security Act (contained in subsection (b) of such section 321), strike out the final semicolon and insert in lieu thereof a comma.

(4) In section 322 of the bill, strike out "is amended" in subsection (a)(1) and insert in lieu thereof "(as amended by sections 321(b) and 323(a)(2) of this Act) is further amended".

(5) In section 323 of the bill—

(A) in subsection (b)(2)(A)—

(i) strike out "is amended" and insert in lieu thereof "(as amended by section 124(c)(3) of this Act) is further amended", and

(ii) in the proposed paragraph (10) of section 211(a) of the Social Security Act, strike out "the exclusion" and insert in lieu thereof "The exclusion", and strike out "and" immediately after the semicolon; and

(B) in subsection (b)(2)(B), in the proposed paragraph (10) of such section 211(a)—

(i) strike out "in the case" and insert in lieu thereof "In the case", and

(ii) strike out "and" immediately after the semicolon.

(6) In section 324(c)(1) of the bill—

(A) in subsection (c)(1), strike out "is amended" and insert in lieu thereof "(as amended by section 1014(c)(1) of this Act) is further amended"; and

(B) in such subsection (c)(1), strike out "(as amended by this Act)".

(7) Redesignate sections 326 and 327 of the bill as sections 325 and 326, respectively.

(8) Redesignate section 328 of the bill as section 327; and—

(A) in subsection (a)(2) of such section, strike out "subsection (b)" and insert in lieu thereof "the subsection (a) which was added by Public Law 95-472"; and

(B) in both paragraphs (1) and paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of such section—

(i) strike out "after" and insert in lieu thereof "after and below", and

(ii) reset the proposed new sentence to begin full measure flush.

(9) Redesignate section 329 of the bill as section 328; and in subsection (b) of such section strike out ", as amended by this Act, is" and insert in lieu thereof "(as amended by section 324(c)(2) of this Act) is further".

(10) In section 335 of the bill, after "existing under" in subsection (c), insert "the Social Security Act on or after the date of the enactment of this Act".

(11) In section 336 of the bill (use of death certificates to prevent erroneous benefit payments to deceased individuals), in the proposed subsection (f) of section 205 of the Social Security Act—

(A) add "and" after the semicolon at the end of paragraph (1)(A); and

(B) strike out "(1)", "(2)", and "(3)" in paragraph (1)(B) and insert in lieu thereof "(i)", "(ii)", and "(iii)", respectively.

(12) In section 338(d) of the bill, strike out "filing" in the last sentence and insert in lieu thereof "submission".

(13) In section 339 of the bill, in the proposed subsection (x) of section 202 of the Social Security Act (contained in subsection (a) of such section 339)—

(A) strike out the comma after "under this section" in paragraph (1) of such subsection (x); and

(B) strike out "under this section" in paragraph (2) of such subsection (x) and insert in lieu thereof "under this section or section 223".

(14) In section 341 of the bill—

(A) in subsection (a)(1), strike out "by inserting before the period at the end of the first sentence the following: 'and'" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "in the first sentence, by striking out 'Secretary of

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Health, Education, and Welfare, all ex officio' and inserting in lieu thereof 'Secretary of Health and Human Services, all ex officio, and';

(B) in subsection (b)(1), strike out "by inserting before the period at the end of the first sentence the following: ', and' and insert in lieu thereof the following: "in the first sentence, by striking out 'Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, all ex officio' and inserting in lieu thereof 'Secretary of Health and Human Services, all ex officio, and'; and

(C) in subsection (c)(1), strike out "by inserting before the period at the end of the first sentence the following: ', and' and insert in lieu thereof the following: "in the first sentence, by striking out 'Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, all ex officio' and inserting in lieu thereof 'Secretary of Health and Human Services, all ex officio, and'";

(15) Redesignate section 344 of the bill as section 343; and—

(A) reset the center heading of such section in small caps (striking out the subheading "report"); and

(B) in subsection (a) of such section, strike out "this Part" and "Senate Committee on Finance" and insert in lieu thereof "this section" and "Committee on Finance of the Senate", respectively.

(16) Redesignate section 345 of the bill as section 344, and reset the center heading of such section in small caps (striking out the subheading "reorganization").

(17) Redesignate section 346 of the bill as section 345.

(18) Redesignate section 347 of the bill as section 346; and in paragraph (2) of the proposed section 710 of the Social Security Act (as contained in such section), strike out "(A)".

(19) Redesignate section 348 of the bill as section 347; and in subsection (b) of such section strike out all that follows "shall apply" and insert in lieu thereof "only with respect to taxable years beginning after December 1989, and only in the case of individuals who have attained retirement age (as defined in section 216(1) of the Social Security Act)."

Sec. 5. In title V of the bill, make the following correction: in section 522(a), in clause (ii) of paragraph (3)(A) of section 202(a) of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970 (as contained in such section 522(a)), strike out "; or" and insert in lieu thereof a period.

Sec. 6. In title VI of the bill, make the following corrections:

(1) In section 601(b)(9) of the bill—

(A) strike out "amending" and insert in lieu thereof "repealing"; and

(B) strike out "to read as follows" and insert in lieu thereof "and by inserting after paragraph (5), effective with respect to cost reporting periods beginning on or after October 1, 1983, the following new paragraph (6)".

(2)(A) In section 601(c)(3) of the bill, in the proposed paragraph (4)(B) of section 1886(c) of the Social Security Act, strike out "Social Security Act Amendments" and insert in lieu thereof "Social Security Amendments".

(B) In section 601(e) of the bill, in subparagraphs (A)(ii) and (B)(ii) of the proposed subsection (e)(1) of section 1886 of the Social Security Act, strike out "Social Security Act Amendments" and insert in lieu thereof "Social Security Amendments" each place it appears.

(3) In section 601(e) of the bill, in proposed clause (ii) of subsection (d)(2)(C) of section 1886 of the Social Security Act, strike out "and region".

(4) In section 601(e) of the bill, in proposed subparagraph (H) of subsection (d)(2)

of section 1886 of the Social Security Act, insert a comma after "proportion".

(5) In section 601(e) of the bill, in proposed subparagraph (C) of subsection (d)(4) of section 1886 of the Social Security Act, insert a comma after "thereafter".

(6) In section 601(e) of the bill, in proposed clause (ii) of subsection (d)(5)(C) of section 1886 of the Social Security Act, insert "with the target and DRG percentages determined under paragraph (1)(C)(i)" after "clause (i) of that paragraph".

(7) In section 601(e) of the bill, in proposed subsection (e) of section 1886 of the Social Security Act—

(A) strike out "hereafter" and insert in lieu thereof "hereinafter" both places it appears in paragraph (2);

(B) strike out "selected" in paragraph (2) and insert in lieu thereof "appointed"; and

(C) strike out "but not limited to" each place it appears in paragraph (6)(B).

(8) In section 602(e)(3) of the bill, in proposed paragraph (14) of section 1862(a) of the Social Security Act, insert "promulgated" before "specifically".

(9) In section 602(f)(1)(C) of the bill, in proposed subparagraph (F) of section 1866(a)(1) of the Social Security Act—

(A) insert "Federal Hospital Insurance" before "Trust Fund"; and

(B) insert "of such reviews" before the comma at the end.

(10) In section 602(f)(2) of the bill, strike out "services" and insert in lieu thereof "services".

(11) In section 602(g) of the bill, in proposed paragraph (4) of section 1876(g) of the Social Security Act, insert ", if applicable," after "section 1886, or" and strike out "or as applicable".

(12) In subparagraphs (A) and (C) of section 602(h)(1) of the bill, in the matters proposed to be inserted in section 1878(a) of the Social Security Act, strike out "section 1886(d)" and insert in lieu thereof "subsection (b) or (d) of section 1886" each place it appears.

(13) In section 602(h)(2)(A) of the bill, insert closing quotation marks after "located".

(14) In section 602(k) of the bill, strike out "(other than physician services)" and insert in lieu thereof "(other than physicians' services)".

(15) In section 602(1)(2) of the bill, in the sentence proposed to be added at the end of section 1866(a)(1) of the Social Security Act, strike out "terminates" and insert in lieu thereof "is terminated".

(16) In section 603(a)(2)(A) of the bill, insert "on" before "classes of hospitals".

(17) In section 603(a)(3)(B) of the bill, strike out the comma after "title".

(18) In section 603(b)(2) of the bill, strike out "(or upon the request of a party to demonstration project agreement)" and insert "(or upon the request of another party to the demonstration project agreement)" after "August 1982".

(19) In section 605 of the bill, strike out "102" in subsection (a) insert in lieu thereof "102(b)".

(20) In section 606(a) of the bill—

(A) insert "(1)" after "Sec. 606. (a)",

(B) in proposed subsection (a)(1) and subsection (a)(3) of section 1839 of the Social Security Act, strike out "who have attained retirement age" and insert in lieu thereof "age 65 and over"; and

(C) amend subparagraph (C) of paragraph (3) of such section of the bill to read as follows:

(C) Section 1839(e) of such Act (as so redesignated) is amended—

(i) by striking out "(c)", "(c)(1)", and "(c)(3)" and inserting in lieu thereof "(a)", "(a)(1)", and "(a)(3)", respectively,

(ii) by striking out "June 1983" in paragraph (1) and inserting in lieu thereof "December 1983", and

(iii) by striking out "July 1985" and inserting in lieu thereof "January 1986" each place it appears.

(21) In section 607(d) of the bill, strike out "(z)" and insert in lieu thereof "(2)".

Sec. 7. Conform the table of contents in section 101 of the bill to reflect the changes made pursuant to the preceding provisions of this concurrent resolution.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

### SECRETARY WATT AND THE BEACH BOYS

(Mr. DOWNEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DOWNEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply troubled, as I know other Members of Congress and people all across this country are, to learn that Secretary Watt has substituted Wayne Newton for the Beach Boys.

Mr. Speaker, the only reason that this could be is because Secretary Watt has not heard the Beach Boys. So I am today sending him my own copy of—somewhat scratched from overuse—"Good Vibrations, The Best of the Beach Boys." And it is my hope that he will recant and call them back, Mr. Speaker, because the idea of listening to "Danke Schön" over the Mall instead of "Sail On, Sailor," "Good Vibrations," and "Heroes and Villains" is deeply troubling to me.

And if Secretary Watt does not recant, it is my hope that he goes on a permanent surfing safari.

### SALUTE TO WORLD WAR II WOMEN POW'S

(Mrs. SCHROEDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous matter.)

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, during the last 10 years of debate on the equal rights Amendment, the most popular argument against the amendment was the women and combat issue. The opponents claimed that if the ERA passed, women would have to go through all the hardships of war including being captured.

Well, as Judy Mann points out in the Washington Post, women do not need the ERA to be a POW. These women were not protected by the Constitution, they had no ERA, but their country called and they answered. It is their acts of heroism that is representative of the spirit of American women. I would like to salute these women for their courage and for reminding us that patriotism knows no gender.